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Where Is Your Focus?

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No doubt it is easy to become distracted by the routine things of life or to focus too much attention on things and events that have no bearing on our success. Also, we can become too involved with our work so that we leave no time for the Lord. And become so preoccupied that we have no time for prayer and spiritual thoughts. Thinking about this reminded me of a movie I once saw of a great baseball pitcher who seemed to have lost his control; was no longer able to throw strikes and get people out. Then came the final game of the season and his last chance to get straightened out. As he began to pitch he told himself “Clear the mechanism”, meaning focus on nothing but pitching. And it worked – he pitched a perfect game. I believe the Lord wants us to do the same when it comes to serving Him – Focus on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We can see the importance that Jesus placed on having the right focus in His sermon on the mount. Matt. 6:33 says, “But seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.” So Jesus taught us to put serving God ahead of all else. And if we do that, we can be sure He will take care of us; providing the necessities of life. The things we think are important such as seeing that we pay our bills, that we have a comfortable home and plenty to eat, we need not worry about. If we are frugal, God will provide all that is needed.

Then there is this passage that the Apostle Paul wrote: “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory” (Col. 3:1-4).

So Paul tells us to focus on the glory that lies ahead, putting aside all thoughts of this temporary life here on earth; and seek to serve Him who is above all. When our attention is focused on God and the glory of heaven it will be readily apparent to others that which is important to us. In time they in turn may want to know more about God and our glorious hope.

Finally, in Hebrews 12:1-2 it says: “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith ...” So the Hebrew writer also encourages us to focus on Jesus, make Him at the forefront of our thoughts. So much so, that we point others to Him and help them to experience the Love of Christ. If we strive to give Him the glory then we will be successful in this life and the life to come.

SUNDAY

Bible Classes	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Devotional	5:00 pm
Bible Classes	5:20 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes	7:00 pm
Devotional	7:45 pm

by Bruce Rothell



Monday Night for the Master

Every Monday Night
Come When You Can
6:30-ish to 8:00-ish
Info: David Tenison
or Ben Williams

Planned for This Monday

- ⇒ Pill Bottles for Malawi (see Susan Yeager)
- ⇒ Organize “Back Pack for Kids” - fill bags for the kids
- ⇒ Sorting Teacher’s Workroom (see Debbie Witchurch)
- ⇒ Letter & card writing

TIME TO GROW AND LEAD

The elders have determined to set before the congregation some opportunities for personal growth. Bobby Hill will be coordinating training classes on Sunday evenings this Fall for those who wish to learn how to serve. If you want to help in these areas, it is expected that you attend these classes.

- **October 18:** Training for Song Leaders (Part One)
- **October 25:** Training for Song Leaders (Part Two)
- **November 1:** Training for Ushers & Greeters
- **November 8:** Training for Writing/Delivering Devotionals

If you have ideas for more classes like these, please see Bobby Hill.



BACK PACKS FOR KIDS

The program to provide food for underprivileged children in the Kiefer school district is underway. This is a weekly program and items will need to be replaced on a regular basis. If you would rather contribute financially, there is a container on the visitors desk in the foyer you can put that into. So far there are 40 children signed up for this program.

Items needed:

- Spaghetti & meatballs
- Lasagna
- Vienna sausage
- Juice boxes
- Plastic bags (like wal-mart bags)



FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our monthly Fellowship meal is scheduled for next Sunday, Oct 25th. This is will be after the evening service, please bring soup, salad, sandwiches... Group Path is responsible for setting up and cleaning up.

Sunday, October 25

Fellowship Meal after evening services with soup, salad, sandwiches—group Path

Youth Devo, be at church building at 3 pm

Saturday, October 31

Trunk-of-Treats, see Bruce or Bobby for details

Time changes, move clocks back 1 hour

Sunday, November 8th

Youth Devo at the Bullinger’s home



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Marica Riggs is home and doing very well after her surgery.
- Penny Hall's mother, Syble Stone, is being moved to the Gardens in Sapulpa for rehab. She is doing as well as can be expected for a 94 year old with a collapsed lung, 6 broken ribs and other injuries from a car wreck. Penny appreciates all prayers for her mother.
- Darrell Burcham is home after his hip surgery, but he will need to have his kidney stones removed.
- Toni O'Neal is home from the hospital after having an episode of high blood pressure and weakness. She will be following up with her doctor.
- Darla Edwards' father, is slowly improving at home after falling and hitting his head. He will have another CAT scan next month, (to watch the fluid level) but no surgery is expected.
- Mary Watson has been moved to the University Village for rehab after her mini strokes. She is in room 352.
- Robert Hallsted was able to be with us Sunday evening. We hope his recovery is swift after his knee surgery.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear

BUDGET

If you would like an item to be considered for the 2016 budget please submit it in writing to one of the Elders by next Sunday.

PICTURES FOR DIRECTORY

If you would like a new picture for the directory please meet Karen in the old foyer area immediately after morning services.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jenna Edwards, Oct 18
Fredde Path, Oct 19
Marilyn Pulliam, Oct 19
Dillon Myrick, Oct 21
Eddie Whitchurch, Oct 24

Darrell & Cathy Burcham, Oct 25
Noah Bain, Oct 26
Daniel & Shawna Caddell, Oct 26
Bert Shelby, Oct 26
Keith & Nancy Riggs, Oct 27

- Youth Devo next Sunday, Oct 25th. Youth please meet at the church building at 3 pm to go to Braums for ice cream. They will return to the church building at 4:15 for a devo and songs and attend the Sunday evening service.
- Sunday, Nov 8th a Youth Devo and bonfire is being planned at the Bullinger's home, more details coming. See Matt for questions.



TRUNK-OF-TREATS

We will have the Trunk-of-Treats on Saturday, Oct 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There are sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the old foyer. This is open to the community.

- ◇ Bring Candy—lots & lots
- ◇ Sign up to Decorate car
- ◇ Sign up to help facilitate
- ◇ Sign up to help feed volunteers
- ◇ Invite some kids
- ◇ For questions see Bruce or Bobby



BABY MARTINEZ

We are happy to announce that Mark and Kaci Martinez are the proud parents of Xander David Martinez, born Wednesday weighing 8lbs 5oz and 20" long. Congratulations!

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to change your clocks Saturday, Oct 31st - back 1 hour.



Long Term Prayer List: Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Gene Bible (Bill Dowdy's uncle, liver cancer); Berta Wheatley (Marcia Hill's mother, stroke); Stephanie White (pain); Caleb Hallsted (kidney); Syble Stone (car wreck); Mary Watson (stroke); Ruth Henry (broken ankle)

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	135
Sunday AM Worship	166
Sunday PM Worship	103
Wednesday Bible Classes	89

Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$4,350
Budget	\$4,371
Over Budget	\$11,878
Building Fund	\$5,488

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Scripture Reading	Bob Hecht
Closing Prayer	Wes Wadkins
Lord's Table	Darrel Kent
	Bruce Rothell
	Carl Burrus
	Topper Causby
	Dennis Robinson
	Zac Caldwell

Sound Booth

Harry Reeve
Bill & Deb Path
Johnny & Marcia Riggs

Ushers

Jack Lierly
Jeff Bullinger

Lock Building

Bob Simmons and Jim Yeager

Announcements

James Hamilton with Bruce Rothell as back up

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Randy Crawford
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter
Lord's Table	Bruce Rothell
	Carl Burrus

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Steve Wetzel
Closing Prayer	Keith Riggs
Sound Booth	Matt Hamilton

Shut-in Communion

Team Hill

Communion Preparation

10/18	Nancy Riggs
10/25	Shirley Hill
11/1	Rita Risley
11/8	Renee Whitchurch
11/15	Mickey Hecht
11/22	Barbara Girod

Attended Nursery

10/18	Stephanie & Mackayla
10/25	Tonya & Toni
11/1	Debbie & Autumn
11/8	Bobby & Shirley
11/15	Melissa & Makenzie
11/22	Deb & Sandy



"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 am
Channel 47
In Truth in Love 8:00 am
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Sunday Morning Sermon

"True & Better: Christ the Obedient Priest"
Hebrews 5:1-4
Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 58

Sunday Evening Adult Class:

"How To Know Right From Wrong"